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Rhode Island's first Apple Computer Club*

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President's message

Hi Everyone,

Sadly, our meetings have devolved into just 3-4 people at a meeting and we may have reached the end at last.

Most Mac user clubs have folded, even many of the bigger ones. People now get their help from the Apple Stores and from the internet.

In fact many kinds of clubs and organizations are folding or in serious decline.

It's kinda sad, but times change.

We will hold a May meeting, but that will be the last if we don't get at least a few people to come. Our topics will be the Apple Watch (kind of poetic) and the iPhone 6.

I now have a iPhone 6Plus, and we will compare it to several other models of iPhone. Which has nothing to do with "My phone is bigger than your phone..."

I look back, I see how many people we have helped over all these years. We will still answer your call.

It's been a long fun ride. Anyone for one last go-round?

Mark



Editor's Note

This is a bitter sweet moment, this is the last newsletter I'll produce for the Rhode Island Apple Group. Even though I've been sending the newsletter out to over 50 Apple fans, the time has come to stop our more or less monthly meetings.

Notice in the header that this is volume 34, that's 34 years of giving help and advice to legions of Rhode Island and Massachusetts Apple users. I started with an Apple II clone called the Laser 128 - that's 128 kilobytes of memory. It only ran on floppy disks, no hard drive. I wrote my master's research paper on that using AppleWorks. I still think that was an amazing program and have used all the versions of it up to version 6 when it was finally discontinued in favor of Pages, Numbers and Keynote.

When I sent out the message that Mark put out several members wrote to me. I'll include a couple of their messages in the following pages. I believe we did a great service to all manner of users and I know I've been helped to get out of some jams. From getting my master's research paper printed complete with graphs and charts on an old Star color dot matrix printer, to recovering from a bad hard disk crash.

I want to thank Dave, Mark and Paul for the help they have given me over these years.

John

**Club Calendar**

This Month's Meeting **May 16 Saturday**
2:00 PM at Mark's house. Topic is iPhone 6, Apple Pay, Apple Watch, new Apple Tech. Map on page 6.



Hi John,

I can't make the Saturday meeting, but work is continuing on archiving and uploading the vast Apple II software archives of the Rhode Island Apple User Group to archive.org. I will ALWAYS be available as a resource for Apple II questions and I will do everything possible (with Jason Scott at the Internet Archive, who is shouldering the burden on the massive archiving project) to see this project through.

I am tremendously grateful to all of you, and above all to Dave Angell, for your generosity, patience, and kindness, in giving me a place to go for, and folks to talk to about, a computer that I have always enjoyed using.

Regardless of what happens with the RIAUG, I will continue with the Apple II end of things, and I hope that when those occasional calls with Apple II questions find their way to you guys, you will please pass them on to me.

Thank you for everything over the years.

Kevin Powers
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John and Mark,

I would be remiss in not expressing my appreciation for all of the work you have done on be-

half of Apple Users in Rhode Island. I am Fran Sadler's daughter. For many years, I have been receiving your newsletter. While I was an elementary principal in Vermont until 2011, I would often forward articles from your newsletter to our IT department. Since my retirement and relocation to Virginia (Fran lives with us here), I continue to appreciate receiving your advice and explanations.

Even if your group has run its course, I just want you to know how much I have appreciated your work all these years and for your assistance with my mother and her computer. Clearly her skills on the Mac haven't improved as she approaches 90, but she certainly enjoys playing Words with Friends!

Best,

Shirley Stewart



Count me in, You and Mark have been a great help to me always very kind to me.

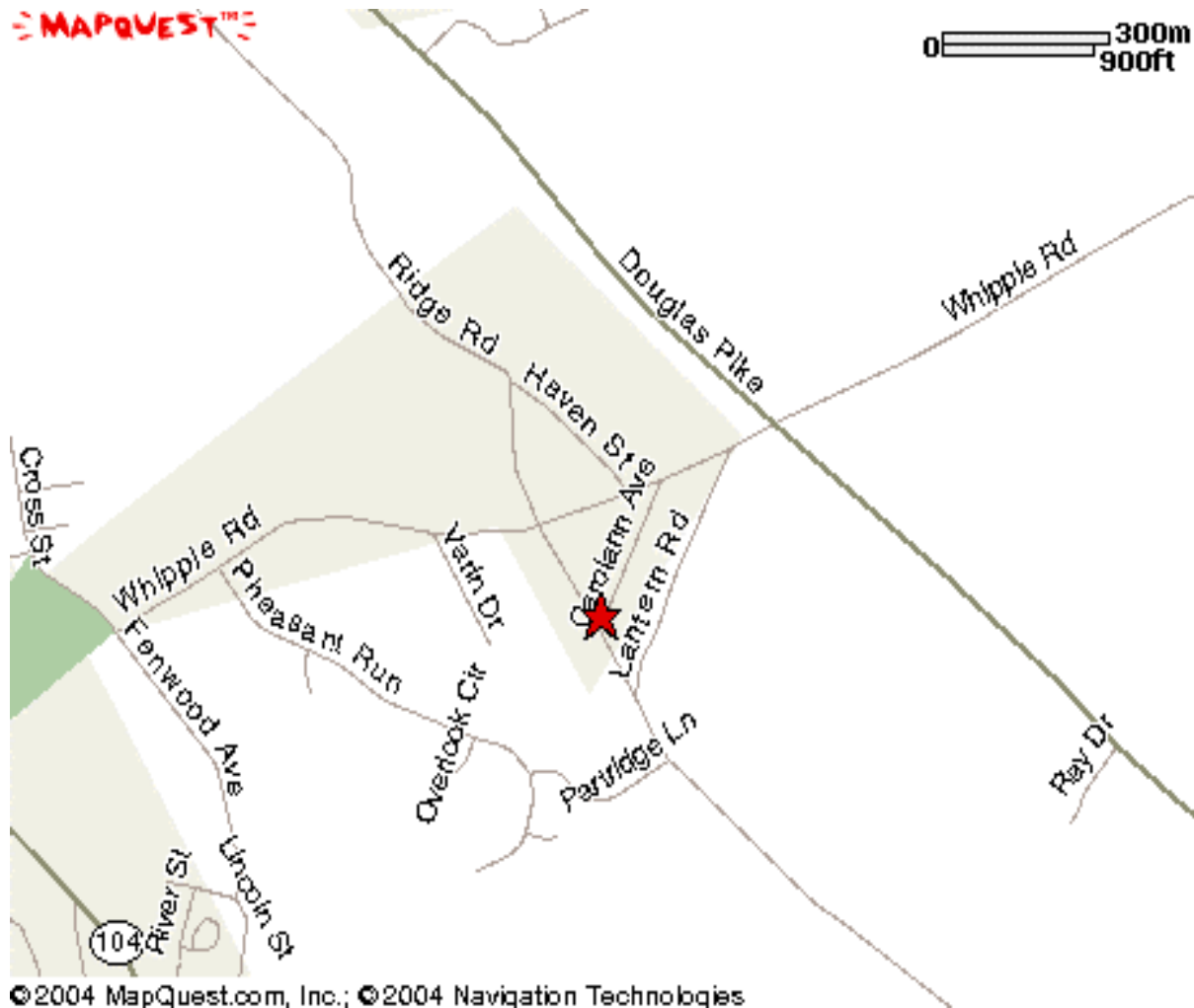
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PS I don't know what I would have done without you both.

Doreen Pollock



Pardon the white spaces, but this is all there is!
John

**Meeting Directions:**Directions to Mark Rafferty's House.10 Carolann Ave, Smithfield, RI

From 295, take the route 7 exit south to Whipple Road, turn right and take the 2nd left onto Carol Ann Drive.

From 95, take the route 146 exit and then take the Twin River Rd exit, turn right on Twin River Rd and go 1 mile to Route 7 (Douglas Pike). Turn right and go up to Whipple Road, turn left and then take the 2nd left onto Carol Ann Drive.

The house is the 4th house on the left (an almond colonial with a farmers porch and a circular drive)

Park on the street or in the circle.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2:00 PM RIAG Monthly Meeting

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